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1. It is reported that an attempt was planned on the life of President Hertzog during his trip to Yacuiba, Bolivia, near the Argentine border, for an interview with President Peron of Argentina on 23 October 1947. The exact location of the planned attempt is not known, although one report states that "elements in the south of the country must be ready to carry out all details of a plan which is to be presented to them by MNR leader Ruben Julio, recently arrived in Bolivia from Argentina, where he received specific orders from Victor Paz Estenssoro."
2. Jorge Dulon, Inspector of Markets and Cattle in Bolivia, has reportedly received "sensational" instructions in the form of correspondence from Paz in Buenos Aires. This correspondence instructs Dulon to appoint four agents, who have no scruples, to proceed to Villamontes, Bolivia, close to the border, to await further instructions in connection with the plot on the President's life. It is also stated that it is the desire of the MNR to create an "international complication and to provoke a scandal involving the Bolivian Government in this plot."
3. An anticipated attempt on the life of Col. David Terrazas, Chief of the General Staff, which was to have been carried out 4 October 1947, was reportedly delayed until a more opportune time. The attempt on Terrazas' life is understood to be part of a plan of MNR leaders to get rid of the present Government. Others included on the MNR list of Government officials to be assassinated are: Col. Campo, General Felix Tavera, and "officers close to the President."
4. Colonel Cortez, Aide to President Hertzog, and Chief of the Casa Militar, suddenly cancelled his trip to Buenos Aires, along with several high-ranking officials, to arrange details for the President's interview. The reason for this cancellation was reported to have been the discovery on the train carrying the special representatives of three MNR supporters disguised as soldiers. These men were instructed to sabotage the train, although the exact method to be used is not known at this time.

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